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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
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TAGS: SNAR, BL
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATION GHOST ZONE,

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IS/FPC/CDR Date: 5/26/95
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SITUATION AS OF 0700 HOURS, 8 APRIL.

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE U.S. CUSTOMS P-3 AIRCRAFT BECAME OPERATIONAL 7 APRIL. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE AIRCRAFT AND THE CHIMORE BASE CAMP WERE EXCELLENT. ALTHOUGH NO AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED IN THE CHIMORE AREA OF OPERATIONS, THE CONCEPT IS GOOD AND WILL BE A USEFUL TOOL IN GHOST ZONE.

3. COMBINED UMOPAR/SNOWCAP FORCES CONDUCTED A RAID INTO PARACTITO AND ARRESTED MID-LEVEL BUYER EDGAR GONZALES ARIAS, AKA CARMELO. A RAID BY UMOPAR/SNOWCAP FORCES INTO IVIRGARZAMA RESULTED IN THE DETAINMENT OF 21 PRESELECTED TARGETS, INCLUDING THE FOUR TOP TOWN TRAFFICKERS.

4. REPRESENTATIVES FROM DINACO (COCA LEGAL), UMOPAR, SNOWCAP AND OPG DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING TAKEOVER OF COCA MARKETS IN THE CHAPARE. DINACO AND UMOPAR THEN PROCEEDED TO THE COCA MARKET IN SINAHOTA, TOOK CONTROL, AND WILL REMAIN ON SITE 24 HOURS A DAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

5. TRAFFICKERS IN THE CHAPARE BELIEVE THAT IF THEY ARE NOT FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL COCAINE PRODUCTS OR MATERIALS, THEY ARE IMMUNE FROM ARREST. ALL PRESELECTED TARGETS HAVE BEEN DETAINED AS A RESULT OF PREOBTAINED DECLARATIONS, WHICH AMOUNT TO ARREST WARRANTS.

6. PLANNING IS IN PROGRESS FOR TOWN RAIDS INTO EL ONCE, PUERTO SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JOSE AND QUATRO ESQUINAS (FOUR CORNERS). UMOPAR AND DINACO ARE ALSO PLANNING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE COCA MARKET IN IVIRGARZAMA.

7. FURTHER GHOST ZONE UPDATES WILL BE REPORTED.
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